

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Tuesday, November 1, 2005 4:18 p.m. Room 307 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Nitz, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Sheltroun. (10/11)

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Kathleen Law. (1/11)

Representative Hune made a motion to adopt the minutes of October 18, 2005, supported by Representative Sheltroun. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

The Chair stated that action on HB 5033 which was listed on the Committee agenda will take place at a subsequent meeting of the Committee.

The Chair laid HB 5036, HB 5160 and HB 5346 before the committee.

HB 5036	Ball	Agriculture; animals; rule-making authority regarding ferrets; repeal.
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HB 5160	Sheltroun	Agriculture; products; rule-making authority; repeal.
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HB 5346	Stahl	Agriculture; other; rule-making authority regarding apiaries; eliminate.
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Representative Stahl spoke briefly on HB 5346.

Liesl Clark, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA), responded to questions from Committee members.

Representative Sheltroun spoke briefly to the Committee regarding HB 5160.

Representative Ball spoke to the Committee regarding HB 5036.

The Committee returned to consideration of HB 5160.

Representative Casperson made a motion to amend HB 5160, supported by Representative Sheltroun, as follows:

1. Amend page 1, line 8, after “**AGRICULTURE**” by striking out “**SHALL**” and inserting “**MAY**”.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Sheltroun. (10/11)

Nays: None. (0/11)

Pass: None. (0/11) (10/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Hune made a motion to report HB 5160 (H-1) with recommendation, supported by Representative Newell.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Sheltroun. (10/11)

Nays: None. (0/11)

Pass: None. (0/11) (10/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

The Committee returned to consideration of HB 5036.

Representative Spade made a motion to report HB 5036 with recommendation, supported by Representative Stahl.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Sheltroun. (10/11)

Nays: None. (0/11)

Pass: None. (0/11) (10/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

The Committee returned to consideration of HB 5346.

Representative Newell made a motion to report HB 5346 with recommendation, supported by Representative Mayes.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Sheltroun. (10/11)

Nays: None. (0/11)

Pass: None. (0/11) (10/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Proos made a motion to excuse absent members, supported by Representative Spade. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nitz declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 4:39 p.m.

Representative Neal Nitz, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk
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